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(Confinued from Jak scock's lance.) All the inhabitants of the farm were out and all the neighborn, but, as usual, half of than ascless. Will's rapid glance at once

have will go? Can't one of you be some away, and forgot it-and me-it'll be far use? and, turning, she saw Will making his your wisest plan. You mean well by me, she cried her face changing as he set at once that's all the more reason why I should not to work with the shall of a trained mind, spoil your Ife, and I tell you, I never,

" you'll help me." scarce. The ricks barned away in spite of from his and put both over her face. Her all they could do.

"Are they insured?" Will asked her, rapidly, as he passed on bucket after bucket. She shook her head.

No. My husband let the money drop. It meens just rain." "Look! I'm dreadfully afraid for that corner of the roof; if it catches, the house

will, too; we must attend to that first." "The house !" she cried, suddenly losing to the thatch of the outbuildings abutting sweet woman. I will fill your life with sunthe farm house, and then he ran after her. shine, I will make what you have suffered He met her at the door with the child on her seem like a bad dream. I don't mean to breast. Their eves met; hers were wide marry to please my friends, but to suit my oven and shining with excitement, her self. I am no boy. Look here; as you say, golden hair streamed behind her, her dress it is qu'ck work, if you haven't had time to was in disorder. Will thought, at that know me; but if you will give me hope, I'll moment, that she boked strangely and irregive you time. We will wait six months, sistibly beautiful; his heart yearned to her, and then, when you know that I say to be in all his life he had through-his veins like fire.

. You have the child safe?" he said, in a strange voice, and holding out his arms to take it!" "Let me take her, she is heavy for

"No, I'll keep her; you are helping me so well. But never mind anything now have the child, it may all go. Nothing can save me from ruin."

"Yes, I can. I will save you, Millicent." He took hold of her, embraging her and the little one at once. She started from him, trembling, and her eyes searched his face with a sort of terror. "Let me go, What do you mean? Do you know what you are doing? Are you mad to stop me now to talk like this, at such a time?"

"Yes, I'll let you go," he said, suddenly you till I drop. And we shall save the are more called for than all others combined.

He turned and ran away, and for a moment Millicent stood where he had left her, in a bewildered maze holding the child tight and trying to collect her thoughts.

The house was saved, but the ricks were destroyed. No one was hurt except old Frankland, who had been rumbling about in a stupid state, half asleep and half dazed Plasters. with his nightly potations. He managed to fall down and break his leg in the confusion, and so add to his daughter in law's trouble by another item. He was one of those helpless people who are never any good to any. one, but decidedly the reverse. And if, as seemed likely, he was not to rise again from his bed, there was no one to regret it.

Will went back to the "Chequers" at dawn, but he did not attempt to sleep, and, soon after sunrise, he returned to the scene of the disaster, The place looked desolate enough, with the smouldering rick falling into mere heaps of dry ashes, the gates and fences broken down, and pools of water everywhere. Will came upon the m stress of the feriorn looking homestead as she stood alone and glanced with quiet sadness over the devastation of her domain. As she turned and faced him her pale cheeks flushed and her lips trembled for all her efforts to be calm. It was quite impossible to forget that little episode of the strange

"It looks dreaty, doesn't it?" she said as he took her hand kept it. "I don't believe I've thanked you yet for the trouble you had with my unfortunate ricks. You saved the house at my rate from going too."

" Never mind that. I never worked before so gladly. Yes, it does look dreary. Does it pain you much to see it ?"

"Not so very much it is only hastening what I knew must come. It's been a hard struggle to keep my head above water, and now it's come to an end. I must sell every. thing, pay what I can, and begin afresh." " Shall I tell you how to begin?"

She tried to laugh. "Much you know about it ! I am only sure I've got to work.' "But shall I tell you thre way I want you to begin in? And the place? I want you to begin life again, with me. It shall not be so hard a life as it has been, darling. I'll make it very happy for you."

"Oh, hush, hush. You don't know what you are saying-it is madness-folly. We know nothing of each other. You are beside yourself."

"I know that I love you. I am quite sure that I have tallen madly in love with you, Millicent. and I can teach you in time to love me. Come, I won't frighten you. I won't hurry you. Sit down here by me and I'll tell you just exactly who and what I am. Don't be afraid of me. I am, I hope, gentleman, and an honorable one, and I would die rather than hurt or injure you. Let me have your hand; you need not shrink

from me, indeed you need not." Millicent yielded so far as to let him seat her gently on the trunk of a fallen tree, and she left her sold and trembling hand in his clasp, as he told her in a few quiet words the plain statement of his position and his way of life. Then, after a short silence,

she said in a broken voice, "So you are a gentleman of a good family, and you have a fortune, and friends who think a great deal of you? Well, now, how much do you know, about me and mine? I am the daughter of a poor Wesleyan minister, not well educated nor anything like a lady born. I am the widow of a poor farmer-who-who-who wasn't a good man, and who dragged me through the dirt. I have had a terrible time tress with that of her sister hard at work hard with it. I should never make a real sounding very different from what he had your friends would think that I'd disgraced you. I have got a child and my husband's father dependent on me; I've some humble relations whom I never mean to give up. idiets!" she said at last, fai ly stamping You've known me a few days-do you'see, with passion, "don't you see every rick I now, what a ridiculous thing this is! Go know; I do believe you are a good man, but

As she spoke these last words, she broke was not easy to subdue, and water was out into a hysterical sobbing, tore her hand passionate sobs. Will put his arms around her in spite of her resistance, and held her close against his heart.

"I will never give it up," he said, in strong voice; "I believe in love at first sight. I can't reason about it, I only feel it. If you made me go away, I'd come back. Every and the new, fierce, subtle passion, such as trusted, you will see whether you can care t felt, thrilled for me or not. Look in my face, Millicent. and see for yourself whether I am

She raised her head, and their eyes met full-clear, honest eyes both-that found nothing to shrink from in the long mutual gaze. Sweetness came into the woman's face, and a soft answer to the love in his. But Millicent drew back with a burning face. "Oh! I ought not! It is very

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